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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Examiner Shin:

This communication is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on May 8, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from the mailing date of the Office Action. This response is timely filed by virtue of the attached petition and fee. The response is further accompanied by a request for continued examination.

Please enter and consider the following Response:

**Amendments to the Claims:** Reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments:** Begin on page 4 of this paper.